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1876-1878.

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FORTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

County.—Dallas.

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN H. COCHRAN was born in Tennessee on the twenty-eighth of June, 1838, and came to Texas with his father in 1842. The family settled in Dallas county, and his father at one time represented it in the Legislature. Left fatherless at the age of fifteen, he educated himself by his individual exertions; graduated at McKenzie College, in Red River county, and was honored with a professorship in the same institution in 1858

and 1859. His health failing, he went into the military service of the State, and became commander of the Young County Rangers in 1860, under Governor Houston; was also assistant United States Marshal and census-taker the same year. In 1861 he entered the Confederate States Army and served under General Ben McCulloch. In 1862, in consequence of ill health, he left the army, and became assessor and collector of State and county taxes, in which service he remained until in 1865. Mr. Cochran had been an active Democrat in Dallas county and was unanimously nominated by Democrats and elected to the lower house of the Fourteenth Legislature. In the late election the party made no nominations in his district, and Mr. Cochran became one of the candidates to represent Dallas county in the Fifteenth Legislature. He was elected by a majority of 913 votes.

He is a farmer and resides with his family near the city of Dallas.
